LIFE AT THE FIVE POINTS.

MADALINA: THE RAG-PICKER'S DAUGHTER

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"Sir." said the door-keeper, to Mr. Pease, one night, "lit-tle Madalina, the beggar girl, is at the door, crying bitterly. and says she wants to see you."
"Tell her to go away, I cannot see her to night, it is leven

o'clock, and I am very tired. She must come to morrow.

The fellow turned upon his heel to go away, but as he did o he caught the glimpse of his hand and motion of the coat sleeve across the eyes.

"Tom," said he, "Tom, my dear boy, what is the mat-

Tom did not turn round as he had been taught, and usu ally did, so as to look him full in the face when he answered in fact he did not answer readily : there was a choking senion in his utterance which prevented the words from com ing forth distinctly,

Now, this boy had been about three months in "the Home," and perhaps a more squalid, wreached, drunken boy, cannot be found in the purliens of the Five Points than he was when he was actually dragged out of the gutter, brought in, washed and dressed, before he came to, so as to be conscious of the change that had come over him. Yet this outcast, who cared for nothing human, not even self, now stood vainly trying to choke down his grief for the sorrows of a little beggar girl.

"Tom," said he, springing up, forgetting all fatigue, "I will go, and see what is the matter. Who is this Mada-

"She is an Italian rag picker's daughter. Sir-they live in Cow Bay-I used to lodge with them sometimes. ther picks rags and the father goes with the hand or gan and monkey. "Ab, that is where the little tamborine girl came from

that we have now in school. There is a quarrel, I suppose, and the little girl has come for me. Tom went down stairs with a heart as light as his step which, said Mr. P., I followed, I must acknowledge, rather heavily, for I did not quite relish the idea of being wakened out of a comfortable evening nap. to do police duty in Cow Bay, and I fear there might not have been quite as much su avity in my tone and manner toward the rag picker's daughter, as we ought to use when speaking to these poor children for I recollect the words were. "What do you want, girl?"

instead of "What can I do for you, my child-come, tell me, and don't cry any more I don't want to be a beggar girl. I want to be like my cousin Juliana."

Juliana-Juliana. I don't know her.

"It is the little tamborine girl, sir," said Tom.
"Oh, I see now. Juliana is your consin, then. Come bere, Madalina; let me look at you, and I will talk about it. He drew her forward into the light, and I think, said he never saw a finer formed set of features in my life. Her hair which, as a matter of course, was black almost as the rayen's wing, and subsequently, when cleaned of dirt and its a animents, became almost as glossy, overshadowed a pair of the keenest, yet mildest black eyes I have ever met with. Her skin was dark, partly natural, and partly the effect of the sun upon its unwashed, unsheltered surface Her teeth, oh, what a set of teeth, which she afterward told me she kept clean by a habit she had of cating charcoal.

She was about twelve years old, slim form, rather tall, but

delicate structure. Her dress consisted of one dirty cotton frock, reaching a little below her knees, and nothing else efooted, bareheaded, almost naked, at 12 o'clo-k of a cold March night, a little, innocent child, wandering through the streets of New York, vainly plying the words, "Please give me a penny, sir," to well fed, comfortably dressed men, whose feelings have grown callons by constantly hearing such words from such objects, to whom to give is not to re lieve, but rather encourage to continue in the pursuit of such ill gotten means of prolonging life, without any prospect of benefit to themselves or their fellow creatures. "Then you don't want to beg. Madalina! Why not?"

se people push me, and curse me, and to day one man kicked me, right here, sir," and she laid her hand upon her stomach, and grouned with pain.

Kicked you; what for ; were you saucy "No, sir; I am never saucy. My mother says if I am

saucy, men won't give me anything. I must be very qu'et, and not talk any, nor answer any questions." Then how came he to kick you?

I don't know, Sir, I did not say a word, I only went into one of those nice rooms on Broadway, where they have such beautiful glass bottles and tumblers, and looking glasses. and such a sight of all sorts of liquor, and where so many fine gentlemen go and sit, and talk, and laugh, and drink and smoke; and I just went along and held out my hand to the gentlemen, when one of them told me to open my mouth and shut my eyes and hold my hand and he would give me a shilling. Now look what he did-he put his cigar all burning in my hand and shut it up and held it there.

Horrible! she opened her hand and showed three fingers and the palm all in a blister.

" Oh. Sir, that is nothing to what the other one did. He put a great nesty chaw of tobacco in my mouth, and then I could not help crying, then the man who sells the liquor, he run out from behind the counter, and how he did swear, and caught me by the hair and pulled me down on the floor, and kicked me so I could hardly get away. But he told me if I did not be would set the dogs on me and

"What did you go into such a place for ?" "I had been all day in the streets and only got three pen-

nies, and I wanted to go home." "Well, why did you not go !"
"My mother said if I did not get sixpence to day she would whip me, and so I went in that place. I did not think such nice dressed gentlemen would do so. What if they should have to beg some day. My father used to dress

as fine as they do when he kept the Caje de l'Imperator. "And where have you been since they abased you so?"

"I crept up in a cart in Pearl-st., I was so sick, after the tobacco and the kick, for it was very hard." "Could you not get home?"
"No. Sir. Besides, what if I could, and my mother g

been drinking. She would kick me again, perhaps."
"What, then, are you going to do to night? You cannot

sleep in the street: it is too cold." Won't you let me sleep"-

"With your consin Juliana !" "No. Sir. not that; she is clean, and I-I wish I was.

Won't you let me sleep on the floor.

You shall have a place to sleep to night, and to morrow, if your mother is willing, you shall come and I've with cousin Juliana, and be dressed as she is, and learn to sew, and when you get big enough "-Her mother will prostitute her, as she did her older sis

ter, to a miscrable old pimp for ten dollars. Tom. Tom. what is that ?

The truth, Sir. Have I ever told you a lie since I have bave been in your house !" "Well, well, Tom, take Madalina to the housekeeper.

and give her somewhere to sleep to night, and to morrow merning you shall go to her mother, and see what she Lord. Sir, I must go to night. She will be off with her book and basket, poking in the gutters after rays before the stars go to bed. These ray-pickers are early birds.

town them walk four or five miles on a morning. to get to their own walk." Own walk. What is that ?" "All the city is divided up among them. Each must

keep to his own walk. If one should trospass upon an other, he would get a wet cloth over his mouth some night when he was asleep, and nobody would know or care how "The Coroner's Jury would inquire into the matter."

Coroner! fiddlesticks! I beg your pardon, Sir, but I did not mean to answer you that way, though I did know that coroner's juries care the least of anybody how such fe lows die. The verdict would be accidental death, found dead, died of visitation of Providence, or if the murder

ers got a chance, which they might do easy enough, to chuck the body in the dock, the verdict would be found drowned, no matter if he had a hole in his head as big as my fist." They could not carry the body from this neighborhood

to the river without being detected."

"Could nt they. How did Ring nosed Bill and Snakey. Jo carry Pediar Jake from the Old Brewery to Peck slip and

send him affeat !" "What dead !" Yes, Sir, they put too much opium in his rum to get him

to sleep so they could rob him and he did not wake up, and so they walked him off.

Walked him off, how !" "They stood him up and fastened one of their logs to his

each side so that when they stepped his feet traveled too. and so they went along talking to him and corsing him for being so drunk, fill they got to the dock

"Where were the Police, do they never notice such

"Lord, no Sir, they steps round the corner when they sees a drunken man coming, particularly if he has one of his friends with him."

And do you think, Tom, that the rag pickers would mur der a fellow-creature who trespaced, as they call it, upon their grounds, without compunction of conscience? Conscience. Sir. what do they know about conscience The 'Padre keeps their conscience.'

But the law, is there no law in this Christian City Law, palsaw! what has your book-law to do with ray picker's law?

True enough or 'Father Confessors' either. The next morning Tom made his report. At first it was a positive refusal. "She can make sixpence a day, and pick

up enough to eat. Well then she shall pay you sixpence a day. seen learn to sew and earn more than that. Jaliana does

But she shall not stay there nights. They will make Protestent of her. That was not the sticking point," says Tom, " if she stays

here, she cannot make a — of her there. The best I could do was to let here go home nights and come days. That is better than nothing. The poor little thing won't have to go begging, and be burnt and kicked, and vomited with fifthy eco cods and then whipped if she don't bring hom sixpence every night for her mother to buy rum with. she cannot carn it here at first. I will, and we will get her away entirely, after a while." Noble Tem. Glorious good boy. What a heart! How long is it since thou wert as one of them, kicked and cuffed, and groveling drunk in the gutter! Who thought then

that thy rags and filth covered such a heart ! Who knew of the virtuous lessons given thee by a pious mother, and how after years of forgetfulness, sin, wretchedness, misery. that that good would vegetate and bring forth such sweet flowers and good fruit, as we are now tasting in these good deeds and kind words. What if nine of the faller where we lift up, fall back again so that one stand, who shall refuse to lend a helping hand ! Let us lift up the lowly and make the haughty humble. Why should they do

Madalina, though still suffering from her brutal treatment was a happy girl when she found that she was not to be driven out to beg in the streets.

But she could not understand why her mother wanted her

to sleep at home. Tom could. "Too young? Pooh! be fore she is a year older, she will be lost." Too true. Be fore she had been in "The Home" six months, she had learned to rend, write, and work, and had grown much in stature and fine looks. We would have placed her 'n som good family but her mother would not consent. She still complained of her breast and had frequent turns of vomit-She always felt worst in the morning, "because the said. " that was such a dreadful place to sleep.

Semetimes she did not come for a few days: de her stay at home and sew. She had learned to work and her services were worth more at that than begging.

One night she came in in great haste crying. What is the matter, Madalina? My mather has laid an offer for me.

An offer for you. What is that ! Tom leeked dargers. I told you so

What is it my good g'rl. Tell me all about it."

My mother bid me go out with her this evening, both dressed in our best. She said she had an offer for me and she was going to meet the man in Duane st. What dees the man want of me mother? I said. Oh. he he will make a fine lady of you, and you will live with him But I don't want to live with him; I had rather live with Mr. Pease at The Home. I had rather live where Tom is, fo Tem is good to me." Young love's first happy dream! "But we went on, and I held my head down, and felt very bad By and by I heard my mother say, here she is, and I looked up a little, and saw two gentlemen, that is, they were clothed Fke gentlemen, and directly one spoke to the other-'I say. Jim she will do-give the old woman the money, and us take her up to Kate's." Mercy on me, that felt that sere spot in my breast grow more and more painfol; I looked up: it was the man who kicked me, the other was the one who put the tebacco in my mouth

"I stood a little behind my mother while she held out h hand for the money and when their eyes were turned i en. I only heard them say, why, dam her, she is gone Yer, I was gone, and here I am. Oh I am so sick and to faint: do let me lay down, and don't let these men have me. Oh, dear, the thought of it will kill me."

So it did. A cruel blow had fallen upon a tender plant The beggar girl might not have felt it. The little seamstres did. A teste of virtue, civilization christianity, friendship eve, had given the food of sin and shame a hated taste Sold by a mother to a libidinous brute—to a misecuble rum self ne - werse then com-drinking-wretch who wears gentle manly garments and kicks burns and gags little be girls. It was too much for human nature to bear, and it sunk under this lest blow, worse than the first

Medelina went to bed with a raging fever-a nervous e do for the bedy, when the heart was sick?

Next merning her mother came, and insisted that she should go home. They begged, plend and promised in vain; go she must.

Never mind," said the little sufferer, "it will be only for with me in a few days. I cannot endure this pain in my becast. You will come and see me. Good bye. Tom you It was en honest, manly tear that Tom turned away to hide. Poor fellow he need not have been ashamed of it

"She is worse, Sir," said Tom next morning, " and n wonder. I wish you would go to see her, she wants to see you once more. Such a place to be sick in, oh dear! bew did I ever seep there. I wish you would go with me to night about ten o'clock, when they are all in. You will

"Very well, Tem, I will go. Call for me at ten, or when you are ready.

It was our fortune to drop in upon that very evening and orm one of the company to that abode of misery and home of the city poor, so that we are able to describe it in our own language. The place where Madalina lived, is a well known Five Polois locality, called "Cow Bay." As you co up that great Freadway of wealth, fashlon, luxuey and extravegence of this great City from the Park and its marble balls of justice, you will pass another great marble from-it is the palace of trade, where the rich are clothed every da in fine linens, when they go "shopping at Stewarts." Further along are great marts where velvet coverings for the fleer are rold; for there are some who have never tool upon bare boards. You need not look down Dunne st., unless you have a cariosity to see the spot where a miserable mother would sell the virtue of her child to a wretch whose trade is addedice. Point look into that little old wooden shaniy at the corner of Pearl st, it is a "family growery." The litregred girl you see coming out with a rusty tin coffee per, has not been there for milk for her sick mother-hor father is in the hospital on the opposite side of the way-his arm was broken in a "family quarrel." You will pass the Breadway Theater before you reach the next corner, with its surroundings of fushionable "saloons," into any which you may go without fear of losing caste among you teel braindy-mashers and wine bibbers. Perhaps you will be amused with a small play, such as burning, kicking, or miling a little beggar wirl; for take young men are food of thentrical attractions. Don't go into that place of fash locable resust," the theater, if it is a but evening for it is werse ventilated then the black-hole of Calcutta, and if the feelid air does hoped a fever, it will be a fever ish thirst, which will tempt you to quench it in potations of poison. Probably that is why it was thus built

A few few steps beyond is Anthony st. Stop a mornest A few few steps beyond is Anthony st. So it moment here and look up and down the groat the roughlane of New York lefter you leave it. A hundred pedestrains pass you every mente, almost without an exception, every one of them righly dressed men and women, smiling in joy and happless. Here certainly there is an exception. A woman in povery's garb, with a bundle of broken boards mad old to be cannot count to be on the put up too k addings. in pevery's garte with a contact of proceed outlines and the capital carried up to an open than a carried up to a capital carr there in plan view stands a large frame house, converses there in plan view stands a large frame house, converses there in plan view stands a large frame house, converses the result of the upper floor of the one of a lambled just the possible that street, it cannot be far, for the upper floor of the one of a lambled just the possible that street, it cannot be far, for the upper floor of the one of a lambled just the possible that street is the plan view stands a large frame house, converses the upper floor of the one of a lambled just the possible that street is the possible that street is the upper floor of the one of a lambled just the possible that street is the possible that street is the upper floor of the one of a lambled just the possible that street is the possible that street is the upper floor of the one of a lambled just the possible that street is the possible that street is the upper floor of the one of a lambled just the possible that street is the upper floor of the one of a lambled just the possible train, or kick little a who sell the curb that still the a who sell the run, or kick little a who sell the run, or kick little and the present the possible train, or kick little and the present that all are not sell the possible train, or kick little and the present that all are not sell the possible train, or kick little and the present that all are not sell the possible train, or kick little and the present that all are not sell the possible train, or kick little and the present that all are not sell the possible train, or kick little and the present that all are not sell the possible train, or kick little and the present that all are not sell the possible train, or kick little and the present that all are not sell the possible train, or kick little and the present that all are not sell the present that all are not sell the possible train the present that all are not sell the possible train the present that all are not sell the present that all are not sell the present that the present that the pre for a peck-horse. She is followed by two little hors, with keeks so it is beyond the end of it. Yet look note it well, exerting that low door at the end, into a room under the the corner of that home so plain in view pointing toward | r. of 10 by 15 feet, lighted by one documer window, and we you, is one of the world wide known Tive Points of New-York What! not so near Broadway! Right in pla ight of all who wear silks and broad toth, and go up and down that street every day. Surely that is not the pla-where all these had, miscrabin poor sureless two that is

"The very spot, my dear lady"
"Really, this must be looked to. It is quite too bad to think that place is so near our fashionable street, and in eight too. I thought it was away off somewhere the other ide of town. If I thought it would do any good I would let Peter take a few dollars and some old clothes, and go

down with them to morrow. "Try it, madam. Better go your-elf. Let Peter drive you down : see for yourself what has been done and what is yet to do. Lend your hand to cure that eye sore, which will pain you every time you pass, for you cannot shull tout of sight now you know where it is, so near your daily walk or drive to Stewart s, or nightly visit to the theater, or weekly visit to the Church. Go to morrow: don't put it off till next week.

In the meantime, reader, let us follow the woman and two boys with their heavy burden, on their homeward way tonight. We will go and see where they live.

So we followed down Anthony : passed some very old rat-harbor houses, filled with human beings almost as thick as harber houses, niled with names being these quadruped burrow in a rotten wharf; so on they go across Eim; now they stand a moment on the edge of Contre, for one of the little boys has taken hold of his mother's dress to pull her back - for she cannot look up with her load with a sudden cry of "Stop, old woman." Do n't you see the car is coming! Why, you are as blind as a brick. That black Jim a driving, and he had just as soon drive over the likes of you as eat. Hang you for a fool, han t you got to sense, o'd stapid! There now, run like thunder, blast ye. for here comes another of the darned cars-run, I tell you She did run with her great load till she almost dropt under its overwhelming weight. Why should she thus labor thus expend so much strength to so little purpose? She knew no other way to live. Nobody gave her remunera-tive labor for her strong hands; nobody took those two stout boys, and set them to fill the earth or taught them how to create bread, and yet they must cat, and so they prowl about the pulled down houses snatching everything they can carry away - a sort of permitted petty larceny tha arms there who practice it how to do bigger deeds; and

die through the streets.

Poor uncared for fellow creatures , working and stealing o escape starvation-living for what !-ranning to escape being ann over by an unfeeling driver who cared just as

those old timbers they split up into kindling wood and ped

much for them as for their dogs. On they went down Anthony st., and we followed: deter mined to see the keens of this portion of the city poor. It was but one block further—only one Ittle space beyond this great, wide, open, railrond street, whose thoughtless thousands daily go up and down from homes of wealth to wealth-producing ships and stores, little thinking of the amount of human misery within a stone's throw of the rails on which they gilde wiftly along

One block further and the street opens into a little, half acresors of trangular space, sometimes dignified with the name of "park," but why those who know can only tell, for it has no fence, no greet, and but a dezen mise trees. is lumbered up with carrs and piles of stones, and erigs of drying clothes, and scores of unwashed speci-mens of young humanity whose home is in the dirt, whether n the street or parent's demical

Here we stop. At the right, across the base of the "park. rena Latie Water it, only one short block past the "Five Points House of Industry," or "Home at the massionary to Cross t a ross which stands a substantial brack edifice on the rite of the "Old Brewery." At the left, as though it were a continuation of Little Water st., Her that notorious Five o are collection of dens of misery. Cow Bay. It is a cuf oc, perhaps thirty feet wide at the mouth narrowing. crocked, uneven lines, back to a point about a bundred feet from the entrance. Into this court we tracked the kindling wood splitters, and threaded our way among the throng of carts and ples of steaming garbage, elbowing our way along the narrow side-walk, and up a short flight of broken, almost in passable steps, we reached the first floor hall of one of c houses just in time to see that great load of wood and it bearer tolling up a narrow, dark, broken stairway, which we assayed to climb, but just then, from the room on the left at the foot of the sours, there came such a piercing, murder telling, weman's chrick, that we started back, grasped our steat cane, determined to brave the worst for the resenc, made one step, pushed open the door, creaking with a hear'd grating upon its rusty hinges, and stood it the presence of an Eve before the fall in point of clothing but long long after that in point of sin. As we entered the open deer, she spring towards it—her husband caught her by the her and drewher back with no genile hand or word. Let me go, let me go, help, he wants to marder me let me go, help, help. We did help, but it was help to the poor man, for she turned upon him with the fury of a tiger, scratching and tearing his face and clothes, and then scaled with a grasp upon his throat which produced the death ratile of cheking suffocution.

A strong slik handkereldef served the hand cuff a place quietly upon a little straw and rage, in one corner, the only articles of furniture in the room, except a bottle, broken cup. and comething that looked as though it had once been for

Is this your wife

She was What is also now ! "The devil's fury. You saw what she is:

"Do you live with her "

"I did for seven years.

"Did she drink then ! s-not so bad. Did you drink !"

Well, none to hurt. I kept a coffee house. "And made your wife a drunkard. How came she to duced to this dreadful condition? You are well dressed."

"Heft her three months ugo and went West to find a dare to move to. She said if she could go where nobody knew her she would reform. I left her in a comfortable room, with good furniture and good clothes. Now where are they? All gone to the pewn brokers - the money gone for rum-her virtue, shame, everytlding gone. How, and where do I find her? As you see, crazy drank, in this miserable hele, in Cow Bay And my boy, starved made

What have you a child lev her then?" Yes, a sweet little boy, six years old. Ob. I wish he was

awake, that you might see him. And he stepped to the interrable bed, and lifted the disty, ag of a quite leoked a moment upon the pale boy, dropped upon his knees, raised him in his arms, looked again wil d fell back fainting as he excinimed, "Great God, he is dend. What we could do we did, and then followed strange

essicps up the rickety stairs. They were those of Tom and e Missionary, for here lived little Madaline. The second floor was divided into three rooms. We look ed has we possed. The back room was 10 by 10 feet quere inhabited by two black usen and their wives and a blie weman lodger, who sometimes has company. Here hey cat drink and sleep -cook wash and iron. operation is performed on the borrow of the wash tab for there is no table. The front counts by 14 feet, contained nve blacks, men and women. Each of these rooms rented

A dark center room, occupied by a white woman, was ona a by 7 feet for which she puld to cents a week. On the hird floor the dark center come same exce was occupied by a real good looking young healthy German wiman, with son and a fine looking little white boy, four years old, as a

In the buck room, to by 12, we found the wood spile - fixed noman why day a lalog all your re-

ville "reasnt bouses." Along the dark narrow passage, re in the home of Madalina, the raspickers daughter. Good with Home! Can't be that bely name has been so descrated-Lat this child, with symplectic for an and assert face, most call. Good affect

we are daily tormented with grouning out their horrid music under our window, while the grinder and his monkey look linzionely for falling pennies or pea nuts. These stand a stile way apert, with a couple of boards laid across the On these boards there had been an attempt to make a bed, of sundry old costs, a dirty blanket, and other ver-

m'n herbere. On this bed lay the poor little sufferer. Not so very little either. In her own native Italy she had been counted al-

We have seen many many beantiful faces, but

"It is a had sign." said Tom, in answer to a remark upon the expression of her face; "it is a sign she will soon be among those she looks so much like. She never looked so before. She is a living angel now, she will soon be a real ope.

"Madalina, my good child," said the missionary, "how do ven feel to night ! The pain in my breast has been very bad, but it is

essier now. It always goes away when you come. I am so glad you came to night, for I wanted to thank you for a thousand good things you have done for me "Are you afraid you will not get well ?" I am not afraid I know I shall not, but I am no

afraid. I don't want to live, if I must live here; look greend. It did not use to look as it does now to me, when I went out begging, and came home tired and cold and hun ery. I could lay down with the monkeys on my mothers bag of nasty wet rags, and go to sleep directly. Now the werry me to death with their chattering. Do drive then down Tom, that is a dear good fellow." It would evidently have been a source of great gratifica

tion to Tom, to have pitched five or six of them out of the window. But there were dark eyes scowling on him, out of dozen sockets of men who come from the land of the letto and looked now as though they could as readily use it as play the organ and lead the monkey. We looked about and counted six men or stout boys and

eight women and girls, besides several children, monkeys, tamborines and hand organs. In one corner was the ragpickers store. This had been the bed of Madaline until this vening, she grew so much worse, that she was lifted up to the torment of the menkeys. They had long been her com nanions and seemed determined to be so still. They were Late as it was in the evening there were several fresh ar rivals of parties of musicians and rag pickers from their distant walks. Several were at supper. A long, black table with a wooden bench, on either side was furnished with two wooden trays, which had seen long service and little seep. Into these was ladied from time to time, the savory contents of a large pot simmering upon the stove. Each guest helped himself with fingers and spoon. Whether the ten was composed of monkey meat, or two day old yeal, ingredients, we had offactory demonstration. party indulged in a bottle of wine, and we smelt something much like bad rum or worse brandy, but generall are aking, this class of the city poor are not great drunkards One end of the room was entirely occupied by a camp bed. That is, in that narrow space of ten feet, ten human beings, He and little of both sexes laid down side by side. The balance of the family lay round here and the and some under the table some on great black chests, of which each family had one, wherein they lock all their persoral goods from their pilfering room mates. The stove they dishes finishes the cutalogue of farniture. How many persons are or can be stowed into this one room, is beyon

is some of our renders who faint at the smell of unvery feed, or who could not sleep but in fresh linen and well shed rooms, fancy what must be the feelings of poor daling, who had just begun to taste of the comforts of civilized life, new sick and dying in such a room, where the perny candle only served to make the thick clouds of to ere smeke more visible and more suffocating.

One of the difficulties in all these close packed rooms is he recessity to keep the door always shut, to prevent pilferg, thus leaving the only chance for fresh air to enter, or vl an to escape, by the one small window in the roof.

Having given you a view of the room, and its inhabitants nd furnishing, let us look again upon poor Madalina, as she penting for breath upon her hard pallet. Her face arally dark, has an unbealthy whiteness spread over it, nd there is a small bright crimson spot upon one checkthe other is hidden in the taper fingers of the hand upon which it rests. Such a pair of bright black eyes! Oh, how be miful. Her wavy locks of jet are set off by a clean hite handker hief, just spread over the bundle of rags which forms her pillow, by one of her vistors Now, in pate of pain, there is a smile lighting up her face, and show ng such a set of teeth as a princess might covet. Whence his happy smale! Listen how cheaply it is brought upon he face of the suffering innocent. She had said, -1 am so thirsty, and nothing to drink but nasty worm tea." Directly Tom was missing. Now he was back again, and there he shood with a nice white pitcher in one hand, fu'll of ice water, and a glass tumbler in the other. Now he pours it full of it esparhling nectar-now he drops upon one knee and carries it to those purched lips. Is it any wonder that she smiles? Is it any wonder that that simple minded, good hearted boy, should look up to us as we stood looking over the kneeling Missienary, and say. "Don't she look like an

It was an angelic smile. It was a sight worth days and debts of cornest seeking, and yet, Oh, how cheaply purchased. Only one glass of cold water.

Would that we had some Rapheal's power to transfer the picture of that seems to this page, for you to look upon as well as read of for a sight of that face with its surroundings. u'd do you go-d. It would make you yearn after the best d opportunity of holding the cup of cold water to other avered Ips. I ghting up other angelic, happy, thank-

Valuely we pleaded with the mother of Madalina to carry her to a comfortable room-to our house-to any house-to the hospital-to get her a physician-a nurse-some one, at ast to give her a drink of cold water through the next ong long day when she would be left nearly alone perharps quite se-locked in this dreadful roomand menkeys, organs and tamborines, beggars and rag pickers, were all away plying their trades in the streets of City. It was no use; she was inexorable. The paire was a very good dector-the padre was good for her soulhe padre would tray for her, and if she was to die, she hould not die in the house of a heretic. So we parted. It was a hard parting, for she clung to each one as she said, Good by e, and said, I wish I could go with you, but my ne there you have taught me to obey my mother, that all good children obey their mothers-so good bye-good bye, Tem. You will being me another drink to-morro

they you would, if I asked you, you are so good to me."
There were tears at parting, and they were not all tears a sich child, or good boy, but strong men wept.

Tem, said the firble, sobbing voice, after we had almost reached the door, over the careless sleepers on the Tem, come back a minute, I want to-want to-say - what if I should not see you again! I want to send something to Mrs. Pease: she was so kind to me. I wish I had samething to send her to remember me by, but I have got nothing-nothing-yes, I will send her a-a little nearerand she put her arms around his neek and imprinted a kiss upon his lipe-there, I will send her that, it is all I have-it will tell her I love her, for I never kiss any but those I love."

Poor Medaling! Poor Tem! What must have been his lines at that moment, with the kins of that angelle dying burning upon his Tps and running streams of lava down into his young heart, while those words, "I never kins any but those I love," are thrilling through his brain like words of fire. What he felt we cannot tell. We will not tell what we

cit, after the first flow of scalding tears had passed away, but we fear there was an unforgiving spirit in our heart; and if the feat which crushed that tender flower had been beretler it would have followed its moving power head long down these long steep dark and unrow stairs, to the pavelent—less hard them to golding is not. "We must not All, reld Tem as we exacted the steet.

Each be divined on the uplits, or was in the inspense to like

cancillant though street, " lace you have fixed here. two years ago we should not like to walk alone through "It will be belief two pures house, If you and I live

Cool alake. Siene a protest you and blev your labora

ove," was ringing in his ears. He heard nothing-thought of nothing else. Poor Tom! He carried a heavy heart to a sleepless bed that night

Back up Anthony to Centre, then up that one block and we stood and contemplated that great somber gray stone building which fills a whole square, looking down gloomly upon the multitude who reek in misery on the opposite side of the street, or parsue their nefarious schemes of crime within the very shadow of "the Tombs." Alas! prisons prevent not crimes, nor does incarceration work reform upon such as dwell in such tenements as we have just vis

It is but a step from the palace to the tomb.

True and so it seemed this night, for ere we had fairly realized the fact that we passed over the short step of two squares between the City prison-the Tombs-an way, we stood looking into that great palace hall on the corner of Franklin st known as Taylor's Saloon.

Was ever eating and drinking temptation more gory ly fitted up? How the gilt and carving, and elaborate skill of the painter's art glitters in the more than sun-light spiender of a hundred sparkling gas burners. Are the windows open! No. The ten feet long plates of glass are so clear from speck, it seems as though it were open space. Look is midnight. Is all still? Do the fired servants skep! No. They are fitting up and down with noiseless treed to furnish late suppers, and health destroying luxaries to a hest of men and gay dressed women. T is the palace of luxtry—t is but a step beyond to the home of the Rag Picker's Daughter - t is here that the first step is taken which hade to inform like that of that daughter's mother T is here that he whose trade is seduction walketh unshamed at noonday, or prowls at midnight, to select his victims. "T is here that mothers suffer young daughters to come at this untimely midnight hour to drink "light wines," or eat ice cream, drugged with passion exciting vanilla. "Ha, ha, langhed the fiend as we passed on, "rag picking mothers are not the only ones who traffic away the virtue of young daughters in this rum flooded city."

What," said we as we passed on if all the mis-spent chillings, worse than wasted in this palace, were dropt into

he treasury of the House of Industry "
Cow Bay, Farlow's Court, and Rotten Row, would be no more, and my occupation would be gone," said the fiend. It must not be. Dry up rum and murder would cease and misery have no home here. It must not be. Our trade is danger | I must alarm my friends "

And he clattered his cloven foot down the steps of a near by cellar, where there were loud sounds of biasphemou rids, the noise of jingling glasses, and much wrangling. Then we understood why he said "our trade" for none

"It was late next morning," said Mr. Pease, " when I woke up and then I lay in a sort of dreamy reverie, thinking what world of good I could do if I had plenty of means, until near ten o'clock. Finally I heard an uneasy step outside my door and at length it seemed to venture to approach and then there was a timid rap.

May I come in !" Yes Tom, come in. What is it Tom !"

If you please. Sir I want to go away to-day. Oh no. Tom. don't go away to day, you remember what

you premised to do for Madalina. Yes Sir, and I am going to do it, I am going to so where they put her and then I will plant a flower there, and I will water it too, and that is not all that I am going to

do with water either, before I die. I am going to learn people to drink it and not drink rum. Going to see where they put her!

Yes, Sir. Tem. do I understand you !-

I don't know Sir, she did."

Tell me, my boy, what you mean. You seem a little lid, your eyes are very red. Did you sleep any last "Sleep' could you sleep, with those words ringing in

your cars all night! Her last words She never spoke By this time I had reached the window I looked out

There was "poor house hearse" in Cow Bay. A little coffn was brought down and put in and it moved away. It carried "The Rag picker's Daughter."

From The N. O. Picayune. 22d ult.

By the bark Gov. Hinckley, which arrived at this port yesterday from Vera Cruz, which place she left on the 9th nst., we have been put in possession of the Siglo of the 4th inst.

An order directing the pursuit and apprehension of all

deserters from the army, in order that the punishment provided by law for them may be inflicted, is published. The conclusion of a report on the proposition to establish a bank is also published. The report is unequivocally un-

favorable

An estimate of the public expenditure for the year be tween the st of July, 1853, and the 30th of June, 1854, is given at \$5,743,680 23.

A circular has been issued requiring the abrogation of the epithets "sovereign, free and independent" to the several States, as implying inconsistency with the Federal Constitution.

A circular has been issued relieving foreigners from the A circular has been issued reneving to regular from the inconvenience they have hitherto been caused by being compelled to give way to the employment of their cattle in the Government service, when there are none forthcoming under the ordinary arrangements. The liability to this tax, for such it is, is beneaforth to be confused entirely to Mericans. The Seglo protests against such a partial dis-

tinction.

The Diagro publishes an official communication from the Prefecture of Durango, dated July 15, in which it is stated that, on the Lish, the Justice of the Peace of Nayar went out with thirty two men, to explore that portion of the Sicria Maste, from which some Indians had made a foray that the Communication of the Sicria Maste, from which some Indians had made a foray to the inhabitants of and carried off live stock belonging to the inhabitants of the place. The result is said to have been the recapture of all the stelen stock except three, which they found dead, the inding of the corpse of Reyes Hernander, with thirty-cte arries wounds indicted on it, and the observation that the track of the Indians went in the direction of Los Na

order has been issued granting full pay to all sol-

An electron was a considerable process of every rank in actual service in garrison.

Gen Bravo has found it necessary to address a letter to
the Liverest, containing assurances of his patriotic fidelito the existing order of things.

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Schor D. Antinio de Haro y Famaris has resigned his effice of Minister of France. The Siglio is inscined to attribute the step to some differences arising out of his opposition to the Bank project above referred to and seems to consider this change in the Cabinet as portanding no reed.
The death of Gen. D. Mannel Maria Villada is an

the death of ten. It shall be death of the had just assemed the povernment. Black vomit is said to have been the cause of his death. The disease is said to lave been introduced by a bark from Panama, which to lave been introduced by a bark from Panama, which to have been introduced by a bark from Fancier, which arrived at Acapaleo, and spreading thether many have failer victims to the malignant destroyer. The criminal Judges have issued a notice that no fees are to be claimed from offenders or their friends, under any title or pretext whatever, by subordinate officers of the Lovi.

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the 19th and Indianola to the 16th uit.

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in Tuesday brought our case of yellow fever on boned,
are one passenger died of the disease on the passage.

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The city of Homston has established quarantee registries.

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The Gallescea Aces, of the 19th, says that reductive gentlemen who arrived in that city on the previous day from the eastern portion of the State, it was learned that the health of the country was generally good, and crops were promising everywhere.

A correspondent of the same paper, writing from Fair-

A control field, says - Perhaps the best criterion to judge of the progress of the exports of

the State may be found in the increase of the exports of cotton and sugar, and the ratio in these, comparing last seesen with the previous one, shows a gain of about 33 1.4

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The Austin American says that the new Capitol building is rapidly progressing to completion.

The Colrecton News says:

"Mr Preston, who is one of the contractors of the Telegraph line says the posts are new all up and ready for the wires, for a distance of 150 miles this side of Sheweport. Some considerable delay has been occasioned by the non-arrival of materials up Red River, and by long continued rains, but the work is now going forward rapidly, but, in consequence of the unavailable loss of time, the whole line will not probably be completed till the month of November.

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The Leiger says Flour is selling at \$14 per barrel in San

Antonio.

INNESSE LAND SPECULATION.—The lands of the three or four gentlemen who composed the Peters Colony Company have recently been surveyed, and we are informed that these surveys comprise about 1,700 sections, or upward of a million of acres of the best lands in Texas. They ward of a million of acr. of the bost tahi,
have not been surveyed in alternate sections, agreeably to
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the contract with the Government, but their Surveyors
have located them along the river bottoms and in the most
firtile valleys, so as to take in all the wood lands and the
test arable lands in the country, leaving the bald treeless
prairies and wild pasture lands to the Government.
[Houston Felegraph.

The following, from The Intiancle Builtein, though not of a later date than that given by us on Thursday last, has not yet been published here:

The Santa Fe mail, says The Ledger and Terran, reached San Antenio on the 6th, making the trip, 620 miles, in twelve days. Abundant water and grass were found on the route. They not the chief Castro with sixty dive warriers, and near by were ensamped thirty five Muscaleros and Lipans, all very friendly. Tom Refe brought in the mail.

INSURRECTION IN THE WEST INDIES. The telegraph INSERRECTION IN THE WEST INDIES.—The telegraph stated a few days ago, that an insurrection of the blacks had taken place at Tortola. Yesterday it was corrected as as to read Tortugas. It was added that the people were moving to St. Thomas. This additional fact inclines no to believe that the first was correct, and that the locurrection must have occurred on the Danish Island of Tortola, which is but fifty miles from St. Thomas, also a Danish possession. But there are no slaves in the Danish Isles. This is true, and yet an insurrection of the blacks against the whites there is quite probable, from the mamoer in which the Danish Government has carried out its emancipation views. The negroes are free, but are required to attach the methys to some plantation,—are compelled to work, and when thus employed they are liable to imprisonment if they leave the plantation to which they are attached without the certificate of leave of the proprietor. This system has been regarded by the blacks, as worse than slavery. No doubt they have been incited by this, and the contrast of their condition with that of the Jamaica negroes, to revolt.

daring the present year to see the beautiful things to exhibited in the Crystal Palace. There are some this one country, however, worth seeing that will be exhibited in the Crystal Palace. The Fall

are were the skulls of the commies. When our stands it the no after of this cave, it is easy to imagine it an enorm as a direct conversing it, hage folds become the ground, not sending fouth its shill breath against these who days a approach. Indeed, there is someoffer with this cave, and then may not be commended with this cave. After calculating the cave, however, every tilea that parties of the unjoined vanishes. The pure site indices we I fe into every voice even of the invalid. The system has it the must be made the spirit acquire classicity. The make in the normal term to come to the make as a later of the property of the contract of the property of the contract of the property of the pr deep alvie, some fantactic form, some massiv deep alvie, some fantactic form, some strang interior of chiefs in the other world. There

BATTICHARDS - Mr J. C. Jones, of Orang burg Dis-riet, white The Polarico Standard, under date of the 18th

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will not probably be completed till the month of November.

The Huntsville Item lenrus that a man was killed in Crocket, on the morning of the election, by his brother inlaw, for whipping his wife, the murderer's sister)—names not renembered.

The Nacageleckes Chrosicle learns that Martin Spencer was killed on the day of the election in Rusk, Cherokee Courty, by a man named Lighter.

The Galessian Jaurnal says: A shocking nurder was committed on the 19th ult. on the person of Mrs. Cooper, living near Cauton, Smith County, by a negro man belonging to Dr. Fowler, of Canton. The negro first cut Mrs. Cooper's threat, and lisen attempted to cut the threat of her little son, but did not succeed in killing ham. When the negro was captured, the child identified him as the one who had perpetrated the deed. Public excitation ran so high on the following day that the negro was taken out and lang. The negro had previously confessed the horible deed.

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A correspondent of The San Autonio Ledger, writing from El Paso on the 18th ult. says.

By the latest arrivals from Chiluabana we learn there is to be a new Governor and Commanding Others of the military in this State, sent by Santa Anua to superside the present Incumbents. It is also reported that Gon. Trias is to be ordered to the City of Mexico.

be exhibited in the Crystal Palace. The Falls of Niagara and the Mammoth Cave will not be them. Of the great cataract indeed, a good idea may be obtained from Prankenstein's panorama, but of the Mammoth Cave no parerum can ever furnish a correct representation. Like Philips's Napoleon it is "grand, gloomy, and peculiar," and, while we are talking Irish, we may as well say that nothing but itself can imitate it. What pencil can represent the gloomy grandeur of these subterrangua critis? Who would venture to paint Goria's Done or the Star Chamber? The Paint King, when he wishest to paint the eyes of the Fairy Queer, was obliged to furnish nimed? with colors from the eyes of a beautiful maidon. He who should wish to represent the darkness of the Mammoth Cave meet grind into a pigment the dorkness (sather of the wine of Night. The lights which you take into the Cave coverines seem to shine against a solid wall of darkness. If this subterranean would had been known to the an elect Grecies, its dark chambers would have been peopled with beings adapted to its gloom. The same imagination that filled the green would have been peopled with beings adapted to its gloom. The same imagination that filled the green would have been peopled with the search regions. Here, perhaps, City see would have eveled the discontented shades of the dead, and through the mouth of this cavern would have been peopled whe mouth of this cavern would have been the passage to the sheets of the infernal gode. Here would Orychen have booked back for his best Eurysice, and along liese dark passages would Herentes have dragged the three heads would have effected their case less torments. From the mouth of this cavern would have been the mouth of this cavern would have been been some anoral early start of the Semadinaviam Mythology would have effected their case less torments. From the mouth of this cavern would here far have been and the other of these dark spirit of the Semadinaviam Mythology would have been the skalls of the recens. But perhaps tha

the Well present deep aby as some funtaction form, some stranger experient metrion of objects in the enter world. Toers are leaves and takes meantains and planes, flowers and further therefore meantains and planes. There are caves within the cave and cave to the subtranacan world. A man might traval in it during his while the and never find his way out of these deep as these and casful calls. As the largest expendes of Energy are more spents in comparison with Magaza; as I are not care to be largest expense of the O.1 World are more more choice in comparison with the "Wather of Water or charts to Energy without seeing this wonder cuth to wonder at his own stupility. [Lonsville Journ.

Language Hen Louis Bush refuses to permit the

Crovers. - Dr. John W. Lowis has withdrawn from the Compromissal convex to the Vth District, Caylor W. Yang town alog in the deal in the VIII in District.